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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, Sept. 17.
M. Viviani, the ex-Premier, delivered an eloquent speech in the Chamber of Deputies. Addressing himself to the opponents of the Treaty he pointed out that the practical consequence of a refusal to sign would be to leave France isolated against Germany. France has succeeded in obtaining satisfaction for claims of an economic order which would enable them under cover of a military frontier not only to live but to prosper and develop. The Chamber unanimously adopted a resolution to placard the speech throughout the country. M. Clemenceau is expected to wind up the debate on Friday the 19th inst. The French Ministry of Marine is not asking for a vote for the purpose of completing the five dreadnoughts whose construction was suspended in 1915. France has at present several large battleships all good fighting units.
British troops occupying the French Zone in Syria will be gradually replaced by French units in November it being the date of the relief of Mosul which becomes a subject of negotiations between M. Clemenceau and Mr. Lloyd George. The Arabs are expected to look to the French for future advice and support. A commission appointed by the French Senate as a High Court of Justice announced that M. Caillaux has been sent to trial on a charge of attempt against the security of the State abroad. The charge involves the death penalty, according to the penal code and the code of military justice.
The Chief of the Bureau for the Repression of Fraud made a descent on the Bon Marche in Paris to verify the prices of sale and the purchase of stuffs placed on sale.

LABOUR IN U.S.A.

PRESIDENT CALLS FOR A CONFERENCE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 18.
President Wilson has called for a public conference with the labour party at Washington to discuss plans for closer relationship between capital and labour. Mr. Wilson has appointed among others John Rockefeller, Junior, E. Gray, president of the U.S. steel corporation, and Mr. Baruch, chairman of the industries board, to meet the labour representatives.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Translated for the China Mail from the "Woh Tsu Yeh Po.")

SHANGHAI, Sept. 19.
Mr. Choy Yueh Pui resumes duty as president of the Feking University to-morrow. He has ordered the students to dissolve their political association.
Mr. Wong Yung Tong is expected to arrive here this afternoon.
China has notified Japan that she now considers the military pacts have lapsed.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

FINANCIAL ACCOMMODATION TO CHINA.

PEKING, Sept. 18.
The Banking Group are showing a changed attitude regarding financial accommodation to China. Appreciation of China's need for immediate assistance is manifested by the representations which are being made to the respective home countries in order to obtain authorisation to make immediate advances.

REFUSAL TO APOLOGISE TO THE JAPANESE CONSULATE.

Part of the proposed Changchun settlement involves an apology to the Japanese Consulate which Chang Tso-lin declines to make.

JAPAN, CHINA AND MONGOLIA.

The Chinese are greatly exercised over a loan of one hundred million yen, secured on the copper and iron mines of Sinkiang, which it is feared, will involve railway construction by the Japanese, shutting off China from Mongolia.

CHINA AND THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN POWERS.

Owing to internal troubles in Germany and China the censorship continues in both countries. China is prepared to abolish the censorship when Germany does so.

The German and Austrian war-prisoners in China will be repatriated when the Allies approve of the general scheme.

CHINA'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 17.
The Financial Committee held a meeting and decided to reform the financial position as follows:—By repaying the sum borrowed from the salt tax, by reviving the military additional tax suspended for a long time, and forcing the different Provinces to send the sum formerly agreed upon to the Central Government.

GERMAN PROPERTY IN CHINA.

An order will soon be issued cancelling all previous regulations in regard to the property of German

LONDON SHIP SALES.

BIG NEUTRAL PURCHASES.

The neutral shipowners had a gala day at the Baltic Exchange on July 29, where they made several big purchases from a series of very interesting vessels put up for auction by Messrs. Kellocks.

The steel part-awning deck steamer "Magda," about 2,351 tons gross and carrying about 3,550 tons, built in 1888 by Messrs. W. Gray and Co. at West Hartlepool, was sold for £11,000 to Messrs. Antonio Candina, of Bilbao.

The steel single deck steamer Cordova (2,387 tons gross), carrying about 3,220 tons, built in 1888 by Messrs. Oswald Mordaunt and Co. at Southampton, stated at £10,000, and jumped up by five thousands to £50,000, after which she was knocked down to Messrs. Lambert Brothers, Ltd., who bought on behalf of neutral purchasers. The same firm also bought for £92,500, for neutral owners the "Sokoto," a steel cargo and passenger ship of 3,092 tons gross register, built in 1899 by Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim, Ltd., at Barrow. Her starting price was £40,000, and there was some very keen bidding between neutral owners.

Although introduced by Mr. H. G. Kellock as the historic ship of the day, having carried the King and Queen round the world, when they were the Duke and Duchess of York, and "well worth buying on that account as a souvenir," the steamer "Ophir" (6,942 tons gross) built in 1891 by Messrs. R. Napier and Sons, at Glasgow, could attract no bids and was withdrawn. So were the "Glencoil" (2,963 tons gross), the "Mona's Isle" (1,564 tons gross), a paddle passenger steamer, and the steel cargo and passenger steamer "Devaney" (314 tons gross).

merchants. It will be forbidden to use the word "enemy" in connection with the Germans.

NORTH THREATENS THE SOUTH.

The followers of Tuan Kieut have decided that if the South are still opposed to the appointment of Wong Yung-tong as chief delegate for the North, thus obstructing the peace negotiations, Northern soldiers will be sent to attack the South.

THE CHIEF NORTHERN DELEGATE.

Wong Yung-tong reached Nanking on September 16th. He will report to the Peking Government the day he starts for Shanghai.

ACTING PREMIER WANTS TO RESIGN.

Kung Sum-cham, the Acting Premier, wishes to tender his resignation on account of the attitude of the students.—Commercial News.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE FIUME QUESTION.

BRITISH MISSION LEAVES.

LONDON, September 17th.
All news regarding Fiume is coming from Rome and is apparently censored. The British Mission has left Fiume, also the British and American contingents, while the French troops are mustering at the base.
It is not clear whether the insurgents are still in control. The Italian Government continues issuing statements tending to minimise the extent of the insurgent movement, which, it says, many are now abandoning.

ITALIAN AUTHORITIES INTEND TO BLOCKADE.

LONDON, September 17th.
It is believed in official quarters in London that the Italian authorities intend to blockade Fiume and starve out the insurgents. This would explain the departure of the Allied contingents.

HOW THE RAID WAS HASTENED.

ROME, September 17th.
The *Idunale* says that d'Annunzio's Army consists of 10,000 regulars and four battalions of Fiume volunteers, who occupied a fortified line of strategic positions round Fiume.
The raid was hastened on in consequence of the British carrying out their instructions to dissolve the National Council of Fiume and disarm the volunteers.
The Council has seized stocks of food-stuffs, in view of rationing the population even for a long blockade.
General Badoglio has arrived at Fiume.

THE BULGARIAN DRAFT TREATY.

PARIS, September 17th.
The Supreme Council has adopted the Bulgarian draft Treaty, which will be handed to the Bulgarian delegates at the Quai d'Orsay on the morning of September 19th.

STORMS AND FLOODS IN TEXAS.

NEW YORK, September 17th.
A telegram from Corpus Christi, a city of 5,000 inhabitants in Texas, states that there were over 150 fatalities, and damage estimated at \$2,000,000, owing to great storms and floods which have occurred there.

PETROLEUM DISTRICT LEASED.

LONDON, September 17th.
The *Daily Mail* correspondent in Berlin telegraphs that the *Frankfurter Zeitung* is responsible for the announcement that the Rumanian Government has leased the great State petroleum district to the Standard Oil Company.

NEW CHANCELLOR OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

LONDON, September 17th.
It is understood that Mr. A. J. Balfour will be nominated Chancellor of Cambridge University in succession to the late Lord Rayleigh.

MR. BULLITT'S STATEMENTS INACCURATE.

PARIS, September 17th.
The American delegates refuse interviews regarding the statements made by the American journalist, Mr. Bullitt, before the American Senate Foreign Relations Committee, telling of private conversations he had with Mr. Lloyd George in Paris, after he had returned from Moscow.

Mr. Bullitt alleged that the Premier was then prepared to consider a peace offer from M. Lenin.
The American delegates deprecate the importance being attached to the quotations and misquotations of private conversations of plenipotentiaries in Paris when the Peace Treaty was in a liquid state.

Mr. Lloyd George characterises Mr. Bullitt's statements as grotesquely inaccurate.

AGREEMENT ON THE SYRIAN QUESTION.

PARIS, September 17th.
Le Temps says that Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau have agreed that the British troops, on October 1st, shall evacuate all the territories north of the provisional frontier between Syria and Palestine. The Peace Conference will adjust the frontier later.

Apparently the Mosul District is not comprised in the region where Great Britain will cease to exercise responsibility.
The departure of the British troops will not entail French occupation in Damascus, Hama, Homs, and Aleppo, which are in the zone considered as a possible Arab State or a Confederation of States in the 1919 Agreement. Nevertheless, Arab power here must henceforth depend on French counsel.
The support of the French will relieve the British in Cilicia.

KOLCHAK'S NEW OFFENSIVE.

PEKING, September 16th.
The new offensive ordered by Admiral Kolchak on practically the whole front, in view of the transference of many Bolshevik troops to General Denikin's front, is meeting with great success. Eight Bolshevik regiments have been destroyed. Many prisoners and much booty have been taken.

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HALL: At the Government Civil Hospital on September 20, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall, a son.

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TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPT. 20, 1919.

POLICE RESERVES, DISCIPLINE, JOHN KESTREL, NEWSPAPERS, THE PUBLIC, AND OTHER GERMANE MATTERS.

We like homely folk and homely ways. We prefer them to great heroes and great villains, as objects of study. There are many books about Napoleon and very few about Jean Dubois. It ought to be the other way about. We who are not Napoleons can learn little from the life of the great man, but an intimate knowledge of the common man is as a lamp to our feet. John Kestrel wrote us a letter yesterday.

That is an announcement which brings up the old rhyme, O, don't the days seem sad and long, when all goes right and nothing wrong, and isn't life exceeding flat when we're nothing whatever to krumble at? And there will be critics to say, as they have said before, why waste the heavy artillery of the China Mail on Kestrel? That's not wise. That's not the right point of view. John Kestrel may be an unimportant person, looked at in one way, the snobbish way. But in fact he is a tremendously important person, because he is a type, and what he says is illustrative of typical sayings. He is, as it were, an index to a considerable body of public opinion.

Opinion is not judgment. Opinion is the nature of thinking, and constitutes doubt or suspense. Judgment is considered opinions, and the type does not consider. Even judgment is not necessarily knowledge. Absolute knowledge is scarce. We must make shift with judgment. Truth is only a word for sincere statement of knowledge, and is conditioned by memory, experience, and capacity.

When John Kestrel says we must have discipline in the Police Reserves he offers an opinion as if it were an axiom.

First there are these questions to answer: What is discipline?

Must we have the Police Reserve? If the answer to the second be no, as some think it should be, then it were merely silly to say we must have a quality in a thing for which we have no need. It would be like saying "I want no tea, and there must be sugar in it."

John Kestrel overlooks that we have held, and that others, officials included, have agreed with us, that the Police Reserves have outlived their usefulness. He overlooks that the prime cause of this was excessive discipline, or wrong notions of discipline. He overlooks that there was effective discipline in the Boer army, which yet would have been condemned by these peculiar martinet of the Police Reserves. He overlooks the peculiar discipline of the Australian soldiers, who were good fighters. He overlooks many things like that.

Somewhere in Coke on Littleton it says that if the Heir to the throne be attained of treason, yet the Crown falling to him (by the King's decree) the attainer is thereupon void. John Kestrel (who regards brown boots as insubordination) would argue that that being the law, the Prince may kill the King without doing murder, and that for a subject to protest would be disloyal.

In our discourse of judgment we should have remembered to say that there are moral judgments, legal judgments, and the judgment of commonsense. By which did John Kestrel judge Jojo Gutz?

Has he ever thought what uniforms are for? Soldiers were uniform originally that in a melee they might know friend from foe. Should warfare develop as it promises, and there be no more melees, but only chemical homicide at a distance, the uniform will be no longer necessary. Critics of the type will tell us we must have uniforms, that an army without uniforms is unthinkable; and that we who moot the possibility of doing without them are enemies of the state.

Uniforms, brown, boots, even whiskers, neither help nor hinder in catching criminals or in warfare. Detectives get on better in plain clothes, and in a bayonet charge the colour of your boots would not matter.

There should be reasonableness in what men fight for. Half the things they quarrel over do not matter.

We have already, in a footnote to his letter, pointed out to John Kestrel that we were not misled, and certainly not "miserably misled." Does John Kestrel, do the crowds who think like him, know what misery is? It is in no way related to trifles like newspaper paragraphs about brown boots. Theoretically we should be downhearted, dismayed, agitated, about this assertion that we have been miserably misled. We should, that is to say, be feeling miserable. We are, on the contrary, as cheerful over it as are the people who every week sing out that they are "miserable sinners."

His idea seems to be that a newspaper should refuse to publish any opinion which it does not share, or any statement for the truth of which

it cannot vouch. That is not the right idea. We expect and intend to publish in the China Mail a great many foolish opinions, without being miserable and without being misled. They will thus be presented to John Kestrel and all the others to deal with, adopting or discarding as they, not we, decide.

Here was a suggestion that John Kestrel decided to discard. He decided that Jojo Gutz was a person not entitled to sympathy. Couldn't he do that without also assuming that such a person had no right to publicity? Why, there have been people who have urged us not to print John Kestrel's letters. Cannot they disagree with his views without instantly desiring to suppress him?

The newspaper must make itself "a motley to the view" because it has all sorts of readers. Another of our critics complains to-day that our occasional use of slang jars him. He is polite enough to say that he reads the China Mail because he likes to read decent English, and that we interrupt his enjoyment too often with an intrusive colloquialism. He objects even to contractions like "don't" and "can't." As for that, this:

A man's way is the wind's way. Pedantically that should be written a man his way is the wind his way. There is sometimes a good reason for saying "don't" instead of "do not." In the imperative mood, for instance, the abbreviated form would be addressed to an equal with a suggestion of pleading in it, while the full form would too much suggest the command to a servant.

Colloquialisms suit certain objects. Classic English suits a classic subject; it might seem too stiff for homelier use.

As for slang, there is good and bad. Those interested may refer to pages 27-39 of Professor Walter Raleigh's well-known work on "Style," also to the Enc. Britt. Vol. 25, p. 207.

By one of those mysterious internal lapses that sometimes follow a really pleasant evening, we find that the subject has suddenly ceased to interest us. Besides, there are other things to do.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4 1/16d.

Mr. J. W. White will give an organ recital which will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday next at 6.15 p.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kaga Maru" which arrived from London yesterday, cleared at 11 a.m. for Kobe, via Shanghai.

The Hongkong University is advertising in a Home paper for a Professor of Chemistry at a salary of £600 a year with quarters.

The s.s. "Japan" 3837 tons, arrived from Calcutta yesterday with 2900 tons of general cargo. She reported one death from dysentery.

Owing to alterations to the water mains the Taipo Road will be closed to all except pedestrian traffic at a point south of the old boundary line.

The s.s. "Teian" (B and S) (Captain Scott) arrived from Shanghai yesterday with 200 tons of general cargo for Hongkong, and is leaving at 1 p.m. for Canton.

Owing to alterations to the water supply to the whole of Kowloon will be shut off from 12 o'clock midnight on Tuesday 23rd inst. until 4 a.m. the following morning.

The total output of the Kailash Mining Administration's mines for the week ending September 6, amounted to 61,055 tons, and the sales during the period, to 71,846 tons.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE GIST OF IT.

Hongkong can now export copper, lead, spelter, etc., if it wants to. Lord Milner cables to that effect. The Governor proclaims that previous proclamations touching the Police Reserves are both cancelled. God save the King.

Travellers may now take as much as \$3 worth of small change out of the Colony.

Col. Lawrence Humphry is appointed to the Sanitary Board and Medical Board during Col. Crisp's absence.

Mr. James Francis Brumby is provisionally registered as a pharmacist. Long vacation begins Sept. 20, and ends Oct. 17.

The Lear Steamship Company is to be a washout.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

The new hotel at Repulse Bay is to be formally opened on Jan. 1st. The hotel people have just signed a contract for another wing of residential quarters, each room to have a separate bathroom with modern sanitary fitting. This wing is expected to be ready for occupation next summer.

THE HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

DISBANDING FROM TO-DAY.

FAREWELL PARADE.

Last evening, materfamilias and her little brood, sweethearts and female friends congregated, in large numbers in the quadrangle of the Central Police Station to watch the "boys" do, what is expected to be their last farewell parade. The members of the Hongkong Police Reserve, who after four years of strenuous work in policing the Colony and releasing the men of the regular Police Force to go on active service, for their disbandment. This quasi-military quasi-police force has assisted materially in the maintenance of law and order in the City and have earned the enormous sum of £10,000 on them, not only by Governor May, but also by H. E. Mr. Claud Severn, and the appreciation of the Colony as a whole. Such sentiments were uttered by the Officer Administering the Government, yesterday, at the farewell parade.

By 5.30 p.m. the different units of the Police Reserve had assembled in the quadrangle and had formed themselves into their different companies. A noticeable personage was "Jojo Gutz", with his brown boots on. He wore 'em, and as in the famous case of the curse at Rheims, nobody seemed one penny the worse.

WHAT HAPPENED. Company commander: P.C. 745 Guterres. You are wearing brown boots.

Jojo Gutz: Yes, sir. I have no black ones.

Co. Commander: Sgt. Britto. Take a note and put this man on report.

Sgt. Britto: Yes, Sir.

So the worst is yet to come. We shall certainly protest if they shoot this boy. He is too young to die in his boots.

A few minutes later H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, attended by Lt. McConnell, A.D.C., Surgeon-Superintendent Jordan and Assistant Surgeon-Superintendent Lindsay Woods, arrived and was greeted with the strains of the National Anthem. H. E. was met by Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.S.P., Mr. C. G. Ferdue, acting D.S.P., and Mr. J. W. Franks, D.S.P.R., the Police Reserve being drawn in close formation, and standing at attention.

Standing on a table to be better seen, and heard by all, H. E. said:

Members of the Hongkong Police Reserve. It had been my intention, when asking for this parade to-day, to use the occasion for presenting to every member of the Police Reserve a certificate headed "The Great War 1914-1918," setting forth the objects for which the Police Reserve was formed, the period during which the particular recipient of the certificate had served, and a short statement of his services. Each certificate will be signed by me, by the Captain Superintendent of Police and, I hope, on his return to the Colony, by Mr. Jenkins, who was instrumental in organizing and for so long a period commanded the Police Reserve. The reason why the certificates are not being given away to-day is that we felt it would be more convenient to let Mr. Jenkins sign them before they were presented. They will therefore eventually be presented in quite an informal way and you must take this occasion as equivalent to the formal presentation. I need not say again at any length how grateful the Government of the Colony is to the members of the Police Reserve for all they have done during the years they have been enrolled. We really could not have got on without that help and, as I have said before, and as the late Governor has told you, your work enabled a large number of the regular Police Force to be released for active service. Now your work under the Ordinance has been completed and from to-morrow we will be a proclamation cancelling the proclamation of 3rd September 1915, under which a Police Reserve was created, and the proclamation of the September 14, 1917, under which the members of the Police Reserve were called up for active service. I need say no more now than to what means practically on behalf of the Government, say farewell to the Police Reserve, and it will be always a great help to the Government to think that if the necessity should arise, there is in Hongkong a large body of men trained in police duties upon whom the Government hopes it will not have to call in vain in an emergency. Members of the Police Reserve, on behalf of the Government I wish you farewell, and that the years of your work have done will always be a pleasant memory to each one of you.

The Reserve then formed up and marched down town to Statue Square, a big crowd watching them pass. Assembling the staff the acting D.S.P.R. said to them: Officers, just before I dismiss you I should like to say that this is probably our last parade and I am very pleased to see that it is one of the best, a very fine parade indeed. I congratulate everybody on it. I am very pleased indeed to see so many.

At the invitation of Surgeon Superintendent Jordan, the officers saluted

THE MALAY WHO WENT TO WAR.

WAS'N'T STRICTLY TRUTHFUL.

Mohamed Kassim the English-speaking Malay, who was charged with stealing a bicycle, was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour.

At the previous hearing Kassim said that he was sent to France from Penang, and instead of being repatriated to Penang he was brought against his will to Hongkong.

This morning Inspector Kent stated that Kassim had given a different version to the C. S. P. He said he was taken back to Penang, but preferred to come to Hongkong in search of a job. The man had been sent to the Harbour Master and the latter had suggested that Kassim could be sent back as an assisted emigrant. The Police wanted Mr. Lindell to assist the man out of the poor box, the Police being willing to meet the expenses half way. The cost of a passage would be \$35.

Mr. Lindell: You apparently could have landed in Singapore had you wanted to. You came here of your own free will. Is that not so?

Kassim: Yes.

Mr. Lindell: Why did you tell me you had been dumped here against your will. I send you to prison for four weeks with hard labour.

Attending of that time arrangements will be made to send you back to Penang. Inspector Kent. Will you bring him up before me again?

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

ATTITUDE OF ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

A correspondent writes: There is much feeling in football circles in regard to the attitude of St. Joseph's College in the matter of League football. This College won the Second Division of the League last season, and according to precedent, they were invited, as the Chinese were last season, to go up into the Senior Division. This, however, they bluntly refused to do, putting up as an excuse that they were losing two of their best.

This unsportsmanlike action on the part of the College will go far to alienate the sympathy of those who so proudly watched the College career last season. Those who know anything about the large field of selection which this team has over that of the two players who are not turning out this season, I have it on the best authority that the College team will be as strong this season as last, and that therefore they will find no difficulty in once again defeating all those teams which they beat in winning the Shield on the last occasion.

It is to be hoped that Bro. Alphonsus, who is nothing if not sporting, will use his influence with his team of old boys for the St. Joseph's College team is not a College team at all, else this unfortunate situation would never have occurred—to induce the team to go up into the First Division. It will redound to the credit of the College if a team wholly composed of its past students enters senior football, and put up a good game, as no doubt they will.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Fed up, B.E.F., and others.—We can think of no better answer to you, gentlemen, than the famous line of the dramatist who thus commended his play: "By Gad, 'his good, and if you like it, you may."

Scholls.—We rather agree with you that some of the lines were weak. They were Shakespeare's own, lifted and embodied unaltered.

T.P.—So far as we know it has not yet happened, and for his sake we hope it won't.

LONDON BUYS U.S. SHIPS.

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their acting chief and the parade was then dismissed.

AFTER THIS PARADE.

A Chinese police reservist eased his mind last night after the parade. He said: Say, Inspector, from to-morrow, if I see you in uniform, and I kick you behind, you'll not be able to send me to C. B. Get that. Put it in your pipe and smoke it to-night.

The Inspector told him he was a discourteous brute.

MACAO EXTRADITION CASE.

A. D. SOARES CHARGED.

[From Our Reporter at Macao.]

In the Macao High Court on Thursday, the preliminary enquiry was begun in the case in which Augusto Domingo Soares, an employee of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., is charged with being concerned with others already tried and convicted in Hongkong, in the recent theft from the Dock of 50 sheets of steel plate valued at \$5,000.

Dr. Carlos Augusto Carlos Afonso Marques, Conservador, Servindo de Juiz de direito (Chief Justice of Macao) conducted the proceedings. The other officials of the Court were Senhor Jose Maria de Souza Espirito Santo, (clerk of the Court) and Senhor Francisco Hermenegildo Fernandes (court interpreter).

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, Hongkong, watched the proceedings in the interest of the Dock Co.

The accused was not present in Court.

Mr. W. Nicholls, Chief Storekeeper of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., was the first witness called and in reply to Senhor Dr. Andrade said he was not an eye-witness of the theft. As a result of certain information received, he checked the stock in the storeroom and found 50 sheets of steel plates missing. Soares (the accused) was employed as a copy clerk by the Company. The system employed by the Company was to issue white order slips whenever goods are to be removed from the storeroom. These forms in which are stipulated the nature and quantity of stores to be delivered are filled up in the office and sent down to the storeroom. The accused's duty was to make a duplicate of that order on a green delivery slip and hand that duplicate to the person taking delivery, who must produce it at the storeroom before the goods are allowed to leave the storeroom. He (the accused) had no business in the storeroom and it was not his duty to supervise the removal of the goods. Witness first discovered the steel plates missing on Aug. 23, at about noon. Witness was convinced that the 50 sheets of steel were removed from the storeroom without the green delivery slip, as he had made a thorough search amongst the numbered slips and although every slip was in the file, he could not find the order for this particular lot of steel plates. Witness said the white order slip was made out. Under the circumstances, the plates were only removable from the storeroom with the assistance of some of the Chinese store clerks who took an active part in the planning of the theft. Exhibit "1" (produced) was the white slip which Soares admitted to the manager (Mr. R. M. Dyer) in witness's presence, was in his (Soares's) handwriting. Witness was the only person who could order the removal of the plates from the storeroom. He (witness) did not order the issue of 50 steel plates for delivery to the Cosmopolitan Docks on July 25 last.

Replying to a question by Senhor Andrade, witness said he did not know where the steel plates were taken to, but he had reliable information that they have been taken by junk out of the harbour of Hongkong. Immediately after the larceny was discovered, Soares was summoned to Mr. Dyer's office and questioned but denied all knowledge of it. The accused disappeared on the following day however and has not returned to the Dock since.

Mr. W. Murray Johnstone said he was time-keeper of the Dock Co. On July 25, fourteen coolies passed through the time office.

Here Mr. Shenton interposed and explained that when ever transportation coolies were required, Mr. Harris of the Dock Co., issued a blue slip for the requisition of the coolies and after the work had been carried out, the blue slip is tendered at the time office and the witness paid the coolies off.

Continuing his evidence, Mr. Johnstone said he received the blue slip (produced) which was dated July 25, on the morning of the 26th and he paid the coolies off. The coolies were requisitioned to transport the 50 steel plates which were missing from the storeroom.

In reply to Mr. Shenton the witness said he could not say if the blue slip was forged or not, but Mr. Harris would say in his evidence that he did not issue that slip on July 25. Witness said he had no doubt whatever that the signature on the slip was Mr. Harris's.

Asked to explain how the slip was not genuine if the signature was, the witness said that he supposed Soares had obtained an old slip signed by Mr. Harris and after rubbing off the pencil marks, refilled the slip to suit his purpose. Mr. Harris's signature was, of course, left untouched.

Chan Sau, storeroom coolie employed by the Dock Co., said he knew Soares, who was an employee of the Docks. On July 25, witness saw Soares superintending the removal of some steel plates from the storeroom. He (Soares) ordered the witness to load the steel into the lighter. Witness was present when

CORRESPONDENCE.

NOW LET'S PROCEED TO BOOTS.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

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JOJO GUTZ.

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PAPA'S OPINION.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Dear Sir,—John Kestrel is known by fame, if I am not mistaken of his identity, as a philosopher; but his correspondence in your issue of last evening sadly fails to maintain his credit.

The inability or rather unwillingness of a police reservist to provide himself black boots especially for patrol or parade cannot be construed as insubordination; and, if a pair has been provided him, it cannot, certainly, be expected that it will last for years nor that he should cherish it for long and faithful service in his often crossings and recrossings of dirty nooks and corners in the Chinatown infested with various contagious diseases prevalent in the Colony.

The whole cause of the dissatisfaction in the Force is not bosh, but to put it short "excessive red tape." I am of the opinion that all would have run on smoothly had it been wisely deemed that kindness rules better than harshness where the Force is constituted, of free citizens who volunteered their services only to do their little bit for the King and the country.

Yours faithfully,

PAPA.

Hongkong, Sept. 20 1919.

the steel was removed from the storeroom by some coolies. They were taken by trucks to the wharf and deposited in the lighter. This was at 9 p.m., on July 25. Soares arrived at the storeroom with the coolies. After the steel had been laden into the lighter, it pushed off. Witness did not know where the steel was transported to.

By Mr. Shenton: Witness did not see Soares go in the lighter.

So Chue, electric motorman employed by the Dock Co., said that on July 25 he went on duty at 6 p.m., and soon afterwards a man named Ah Chung came into the storeroom. He disappeared at 7 p.m. At about 8 p.m. a Portuguese came to the storeroom accompanied by some coolies. They entered the storeroom and proceeded to remove some steel plates. Witness saw the Portuguese giving instructions but could not hear what was being said as it was very noisy in the storeroom with the cranes working. The steel was placed on trucks and wheeled away. This was all witness knew about the case. He could not say where the steel plates were removed to.

By Mr. Shenton: Witness had seen the Portuguese be ore the night in question. He (the Portuguese) was a clerk employed by the Dock Co. Witness did not know his name.

Yeung Kun, a sailor on board the Dock Co's lighter said that a Portuguese ordered the lighter on July 25 for the purpose of loading some steel plates. He ordered them to be taken to "Sauran," the landing stage opposite the "Sincere" Co. There they were transferred to a junk and taken out of Hongkong harbour. The steel plates were removed from the storeroom soon after 8 p.m. The Portuguese supervised the transportation, and appeared to be very anxious that the work should be carried out as speedily as possible as he kept saying "fai to the coolies. Witness could not identify the Portuguese as it was too dark at the time and witness could not see his face. He (witness) was told that the man was a Portuguese and an employee of the Dock Co.

In reply to Senhor Andrade the witness said he was sure the man was a European. Pressed further, he said the man might not have been a Portuguese.

The enquiry was adjourned at this stage in order that the witness might go to the jail at 4 p.m., to attend an identification parade, and pick out the accused.

LATER.

It appears that the defending Counsel objected to the procedure, and that the Judge agreed to take the foregoing evidence all over again, in Chambers, on Friday morning. Our reporter was not allowed in. There were two other European witnesses to be heard.

It appears the Portuguese custom is to have these first enquiries in private, and a public trial later (in November in this case).

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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BRITAIN TO BE FREED FROM SQUALOR!

London, September 17th. Mr. Lloyd George, addressing the Brotherhood Congress in the City Temple, paid a tribute to General Botha's character and beneficial influence as the Peace Conference, and also to his successor, General Smuts, to whom the country owed more than it realised.

He said it was useless talking about the old world as if nothing had happened to it. Pre-war autocrats like the Hohenzollerns, Romanoffs, and Hapsburgs, which had governed two-thirds of Europe, had gone for ever, and the world was richer and stronger through their disappearance.

He dwelt on the unprecedented fundamental changes in the history of the world since the outbreak of war, but said that many more changes were necessary to complete the picture. The things must go and great armaments must be discarded. The long-drawn-out war had wasted in every form must disappear and Britain, freed from insubriety, penury, and squalor, must become a free land. (Cheers.)

Rather than accept the position of leading counsel for the old order of things which some had ascribed to him, he would throw up his brief tomorrow. Those changes could only be effected by steady, patient work and co-operation.

He declared that if one-third of the great qualities brought out by the war were consecrated to peace for five years, the people would not know this world. He appealed to the people not to quarrel or quarrel before the smaller obstacles, after overcoming a gigantic one. The current difficulties were great, but they were only secondary to the difficulties overcome during the war.

He emphasised the necessity of displaying a spirit of fair-play. The League of Nations was an organised attempt to substitute fair-play for force.

The world had not yet settled down. In half of Europe and nearly half of Asia, you heard the tramp of armed men marching to the slaughter of their fellow-men. The world's frenzy of anger and blood had not yet exhausted itself.

He feared that this wailing of warring peoples would continue unless a strong hand like that of the liberated power of the nations of the world insisted on peace from ocean to ocean.

The exercise of fair-play also demanded that Capital should see what was its fair price which would enable the workman to bring up his family as worthy citizens. Combinations of workers should not use their power unfairly.

It was not sufficient to say we won the war. We wanted to reclaim the wildernesses of the world to plant out the jungles and redress the wrongs. That was due to the immortal dead, who had died for the redemption of the world. (Loud cheers.)

SUPREME COUNCIL MISUNDERSTANDING.

PARIS, September 17th. Apparently, there is some misunderstanding as to what happened at a sitting of the Supreme Council regarding Russia. The statement telegraphed on September 16th was given out by the British Delegation. The American and French Delegations express complete ignorance of any decision in connection with the evacuation of Russia. The London newspapers are perplexed and await explanations. [A Paris telegram of September 15th states:—The Supreme Council has considered the Russian question and agreed to the British policy of evacuation. It has declared itself as against Russian adventures by the Allies because the Council profoundly believe that the Russian people must settle their own future, provided they respect their neighbours' rights.]

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, September 16th. Silver is quoted at 81½, spot and 80½, forward. The market is firm. There are buyers, but supplies are short.

GOVERNMENT OF BIRKENFELD.

BERLIN, September 17th. The Frankfurter Zeitung says that the new Government of Birkenfeld has been supplanted by the former régime.

JAPAN EXCLUDED FROM THE LOAN ARRANGEMENT.

Washington, Sept. 17. Japan has replied to the recent enquiry by the United States regarding the proposed Chinese loan by the Consortium of International Bankers, that owing to the peculiar state of Mongolia and Manchuria and the relation they occupy to Japan, Japan feels she must be excluded from the arrangement.

HEAVY FALLS IN EXCHANGE.

LONDON, September 17th. There were further heavy falls in exchanges yesterday. The franc is worth 78, and the mark less than 80, while the pound sterling is worth 17½ in New York.

FOOTBALL AGAIN.

PLAYERS FOR THE SEASON.

First-class Association footballers are now busily training for the season which opened on the last Saturday of August. All the clubs have not yet completed their lists of players, but, judging from the official announcements, Chelsea, Derby County, Everton, Liverpool, Notts County, Preston North End, Sheffield United, Woolwich Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham, and Brentford will all field very strong sides.

Everyone is asking what kind of team Aston Villa will be represented by. Their present signatures include Hardy, Leach, Moss, Ducat, Harrop, Wallace, Stephenson, Edgley, and Hampton. Bache, however, will not be seen in the side, but a new left-wing pair of much skill are promised.

Blackburn Rovers have lost some good men in the war, but with Robinson (goal), Crompton, Duckworth (backs), Walmsley, Smith, Wilkinson (half-backs), Simpson, Shea, Dawson, Orr, T. Rigg, a clever half-back from Rochdale, Barton, Dennis, and several others of much promise ready for action, the Rovers should be as strong as ever.

Chelsea have Molyneux and Hampton (goal), Bettridge, Harrow, Marshall (backs), Abrams, Walker, Dickie, Ramsay, Gallon, Baxter (half-backs), Ford, Freeman, Thompson, Croal, Browning, the speedy Celtic left-winger, Halse, Britain, Whittingham, Wilding, Bird, Dale, the Queen's Park Ranger's goal-getter, McMillan, a clever recruit from Derby, McNeill, and Brodie, a smart Scottish forward. They will have a splendid attack, moderate half-back line, and good defence at back and goal.

Derby County have Lawrence (goal), Aitken, Barbour (backs), Bagshaw, Walker, Wightman of Notts Forest, Boxley, Martin (half-backs); Thornwell, N. Burton of Notts Forest, H. Burton, Leonard, Neesham of Staveley, a relative of Ernest Neesham, the old Sheffield United international, J. Moore, R. Moore, Edward, Quantrell, and Baker (forwards).

Everton have signed Tegen, Mitchell, Lawson, Wilde (goal); Thompson, Robinson, Fagg, Berwick, Macconnachie (backs); Brown, Fleetwood, Williams, Weller, Jones, Fleetwood, Greener, Waring (half-backs); Cherrington, Jeffries, Jones, Howarth, Gault, McGee, Clennell, Rigby, McQuarrie, Harrison, Evans, Robinson, Carney, Mayson, of Grimsby Town, Kirsopp, and Parker (forwards).

Liverpool's list comprises Campbell, Scott (goal); Longworth, Jenkins (5ft. 9in., 11st. 6lb.) of South Liverpool, Stanfield, of Bury, Purcell (backs); Bamber, Wadsworth, Lowe, McKinley, Chambers, Lucas, of Manchester United (half-backs); Sheldon, T. Miller, Pagnam, J. Miller, Lacey, Bennett, Lewis, Pearson, Forshaw, of Middlesbrough (forwards). Newcastle United have Lawrence (goal); McCracken, Hudds (backs); Finlay, Low, Curry, Waite (half-backs); Cooper, Rutherford, the clever Felling centre, and many promising young forwards available; while Oldham Athletic hope to have the help of Matthews, Gee, Aldred, Cashmore, Cook, Kemp, and a number of first-class new young players, Preston North End have Cawser (goal); Speak, Broadhurst, Alstead, Threlfall (backs); Holdsworth, Henderson, McCall, Broome (half-backs); Dawson, Clifton, Davies, Roberts, Woodhouse, Daniel, and Halligan of Leeds City, Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Hull City (forwards) Sheffield Wednesday lose Glennon, but in addition to Britton, Burkinshaw, McLean, and Lamb have much new young talent.

Sheffield United have Gough, Blackwell (goal); Sturgess, Cook, Milton, Hattell (backs); Panling, Brelsford, Beaumont, Utley, Pye, Sykes (half-backs); Simmons, Fazackerly, Kitchen, Masterman, Gillespie, Thompson, Johnson, Wesley, Ball, Brayshaw, and Rawson (forwards). New men: Wesley, of Derby; Ball, of Silverwood; Brayshaw, of Mexborough; and Rawson, of Darnall Old Boys.

The Arsenal will rely on Williamson, Kempton, Duncan McKee (goal); Shaw, Bradshaw, Conley, Fearn, Hutchings, S. Rose, H. Dolmore (backs); Graham, Buckley, McKinnon, Voysey, Butler, H. Littlewood, S. Potts, Cockrell, Plumb (half-backs); Groves, Miller, H. A. White, Blythe, Hardings, Baker, Lewis, Greenaway, Burgess, Drew (forwards); Voysey, a fine half, and H. A. White, Brentford's scorer, being the chief acquisitions. West Bromwich Albion, with Pearson, Smith, Pennington, McNeal, Morris, and some new talent, also promise to have a good side.

The Second Division teams so far completed are: Blackpool.—Mingar (goal); Jackson, Fairhurst, Jones (backs); Keenan, Wilson, Rookes (half-backs); Appleton, Heathcote, Hunter, O'Doherty, Charles, March, Lane, and Yarnell (forwards).

Bristol City.—Valles, Dunn, Crawshaw (goal); Steer, Treasure, Southway, Carfield, Jones (backs); Roberts, Wedlock, Nicholson, Sweet, Stevens, Wren (half-backs); Reade, Nelson, Howarth, Pocock, Harris, Nunn, Morgan, Bailey, Akright, Phillips, and Kitchell (forwards).

Barnsley.—Cooper (goal); Downing, Addy, Laken, Bavin (backs); Bridgdon, White, Ross (half-backs); Ford, Tuffnell, Lees, Walker, and Denton (forwards).

Clapton Orient.—Hagall, Denoon (goal); Hind, Tonner, Nicholls, Osmond (backs); Forest, Worboys, Calderhead, Smith, Willis (half-backs); Parker, Ives, Casey, Lesgetty, Dalrymple, Hudson, Bowyer, Manley, and Croal (forwards).

Fulham.—Nixon, Reynolds (goal); Worral, Charlton, Chaplin (backs); Bagge, Russell, Torrance (half-backs); Penn, Nash, Cock, McIntyre, West Broward Weir (forwards).

Notts Forest.—Johnson, of Crystal Palace (goal); Barratt, Jones (backs); Willis, of Cresswell, Parker, of Manchester City, Armstrong (half-backs); Derrick, Belton, Gibson, Firth, Lythgoe of Bury, and Sheerman, of which Albion (forwards).

Tottenham Hotspur.—Jacques, French, Chayrigues, French International (goal); Clay, Pearson, Brown, of Thornycroft's (backs); Elliott, Grimsdell, Skinner, Smith, of Huddersfield, Skinner, Archibald, of Mowbray (half-backs); Banks, Minter, Cantrell, (Raith Rovers), Middlemiss, Lindsay, Wilson (Coventry City), Chipperfield (Arsenal), Dimmock (Orient), and Redpath (forwards).

West Ham.—Hutton (goal); Cope, Turrell, Hunter, Lee, of Grimsby Town (backs); Ashton, Lane, Kay, McCrea, Johnson, Pelligan (half-backs); Smith, of Ayrshire, Leaf, S. Fuddefoot, Murray, of Dundee, Butcher, L. Puddefoot, Carter, Green, Bradshaw, and T. H. Lewis, of Lifford (forwards).

The Southern League teams completed are: Brighton: Randall, of Plymouth Argyle, Hayes, of Preston North End (goal); Fugh, of Luton, Spencer (backs); Woodhouse, Coomber, Higham, Booth (half-backs); Longstaff Jones, Groves, of Arsenal, Webb, Osborne, of Birmingham, Holley, of Sunderland, and Webb (forwards).

Brentford.—Price (goal); Webster, of Tottenham Hotspur, Hawkins, and Rosier (backs); Amos, McGovern, Taylor, of Chelsea, Morris, of Bristol Rovers, Figgins, of Reading (half-backs); Hendren, Hibbert, Gilboy, of Crystal Palace, Cartmell, of Heart of Midlothian, Thompson, of Arsenal, Boyne, of Aston Villa, Parr, of Bury, Harks, of Arsenal, Spong, and Morley (forwards).

Crystal Palace.—Alderson (goal); Little, Rhodes (backs); Hughes, Bates, Cracknell, Isley (half-backs); B. J. Bateman, Smith, Middleton, and Whitley (forwards).

Cardiff City.—Kneeshaw (goal); Brittain, Layton (backs); Harvey, Keenor, Beare (half-backs); Goddard, West, Hopkins, Barrow, and Clarke (forwards).

Exeter City.—Pym (goal); Strettle, Rigby, Pratt, Colbourne (backs); Potter, Popplewell (half-backs); Milton, Goodwin, Oldacre, Brown, and Rutland (forwards).

Millwall.—Goalkeepers, F. Wood, Sergeant Bailey (Grenadier Guards), T. Sparks (Durham); backs, Woodley, Fort, R. H. Hill (Grenadier Guards), and W. Broad (Bacup); half-backs, Voisey, J. Wilson, J. McAlpine (Southampton), and J. Kinsella (Manchester City); forwards, Whitaker, Davis, Noble, Mooney, S. Mouncher (Portsmouth), J. Broad (Oldham), D. Thompson, S. Struck, and Boyd Mayson.—Daily Mail.

END OF THE WORLD SYMPTOMS.

BY SPENCER LEIGH HUGHES.

A few days ago, when the papers were almost full of details as to peace negotiations, telling us which way up flags should be hung, what to do in a crowd, or how to keep out of one, and so forth and so on, I noticed a little item of news quite apart from that overwhelming topic. It was a statement to the effect that a doctor in America, and another in Canada, not being able to agree as to how to cure some disease, had proposed that each should experiment on the other. The idea seemed to be that if one survived and recovered he should be regarded as the winner, though I cannot see the force of such a contention should it turn out that the other died. For, in my opinion, the man who had cured the other should be proclaimed winner, and the man who had killed his patient would have lost from the medical point of view.

There would be little advantage, however, to the dead man in such an arrangement. Perhaps it was just as well that the Public Prosecutor, in one of the places concerned, intervened, and said that if death was caused by such experimental research he would prosecute the survivor for murder. As a result, I believe this sporting event is worthy of consideration and of wider application than was at first proposed. Why not let all professional people experiment on each other instead of on the public? Oliver Wendell Holmes, himself a great doctor, has suggested something of the sort in the wise verse beginning—

When lawyers take what they would give,
And doctors give what they would take.

we should be approaching that state of perfection which is generally associated with the end of the world. But few lawyers are content to take what they are prepared to give, and doctors are always giving what they decline to take.

But Holmes did not end his theme by confining himself to doctors and lawyers. For in following out his notion as to how the watchful man can detect the approach of the millennium he gives two other safe guides—

When preachers tell us all they think
And party leaders all they mean.

What an embarrassing state of things would follow such a revolution. Try to imagine the sensation that would follow if preachers began telling their hearers just where those hearers will go to in the hereafter! It would never do—even Dean Inge draws the line there. And having mentioned the name of that cheery ecclesiastic, let me say how I missed him from the great march-past down the Mall on Saturday, July 19. He ought to have been compelled to skip along to blow a little trumpet, and wave a little flag. But it may be that the very reverend one thinks we lost the war, or ought to have put it off, and in any case he possibly finds comfort in hugging the conviction that there's a bad time coming, boys.

Reverting to Holmes's end of the world symptoms, let me allude further to his monstrous proposition that party leaders should tell us all they mean. The thing is, of course, both absurd and impossible, for a public man who began to tell folks all he meant would not remain leader of a party for five minutes. There is even one more hint given by him in regard to the dawn of perfection, and here it is—

When publishers no longer steal,
And pay for what they stole before.

That is beyond the power even of imagination—it eludes the mental grasp. But there is hope for the world when we find a couple of doctors, each of whom is ready to experiment on the other. There was once a valuable and interesting precedent established in the ranks of the brute creation in a similar line of conduct—it was the celebrated case of cat-in-Kilkenny. Very likely, if these two Transatlantic doctors are allowed to cure each other, the result will be the same as it was in this feline encounter—and the Public Prosecutor will not be given a chance.

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IN PARLIAMENT.

ATTACK ON BILL TO RAISE SALARIES OF MINISTERS.

DEMANDS FOR ECONOMY.

Mr. Bonar Law, on the second reading of the Ministries and Secretaries Bill in the House of Commons, on August 5, said it had been for a long time recognised as extremely inconvenient that Ministerial offices, which, through the lapse of time, had become of equal importance to others, should occupy a lower status and be accompanied by a scale of remuneration lower than other offices. The time might come when high offices of the State would be filled by men who had no private means. A Minister receiving £2,000 a year, as was the case with the Ministers affected, who had to live on their salaries, had either to get into debt or live on a lower scale than he had been accustomed to.

Sir Donald Maclean (L., Peebles) moved the following amendment— That this House declines to give a second reading to a Bill which increases the salaries, and alters the status of Ministers, until the Government declares its policy with regard to a reduction of Government departments to a scale conducive to national efficiency and economy.

There would, he said, be disappointment throughout the country that, during the campaign for economy, the Government should bring in a Bill to raise the salaries of certain Ministers from £2,000 to £5,000 a year. He complained that the Ministers, who had been charged with winding up unnecessary departments, had shown appalling slackness in their present financial morass was ought not to give occasion to the public to complain.

General Page Croft (N.P. Bournemouth) said this was not the time to introduce legislation to increase the salaries of any members of the Government. The whole country was looking to the Government to exercise economy, and it would be a fatal mistake to pass the Bill.

Mr. J. H. Thomas (Lab., Derby) pointed out that at the time the Government were preaching economy and advising the people to save, they had brought in a Bill to increase the salaries of Ministers.

Sir F. Banbury pointed out that, under the Bill, the salaries of five Ministers would be increased from £2,000 to £5,000. It would also increase the salaries of the under-secretaries, and would alter the whole status of their departments, involving a corresponding increase in the salaries of officials. The passing of the Bill would lower the House in the estimation of the people.

Captain Wedgwood Benn (L. Leithburgh) reinforced the plea as to the inopportune of introducing such a Bill, which would create the worst impression in the country. Mr. Wallace (CL., Dunfermlineburgh) declared that if the Government did not bring down the reckless expenditure of the country this reckless expenditure would bring down the hands of the revolutionaries.

Sir A. Warren (CU, Edmonton) said he represented a constituency the vast majority of whom hardly knew how to make both ends meet. The country was indignant at the spendthrift tendencies of the Government, and if they persisted in pressing the Bill they would be putting the loyalty of their supporters to a severe test.

Mr. Bonar Law declared that most of the speeches delivered were quite irrelevant to the subject they were discussing. As to economy, there was hardly a speech made with which he was not largely in sympathy. The Government were alarmed at the expenditure which the country was incurring.

He repudiated the statement that the Victory Loan had failed, and pointed out that, now the war was over, the need for the Loan did not seem so great as before in the eyes of the people. He could not pretend to tell the House everything that the Government were trying to do to cut down expenditure. Departments were being wound up, but what had been done was not enough.

The House divided, and the second reading was carried by 176 votes to 83. The House adjourned at 11.7 p.m.

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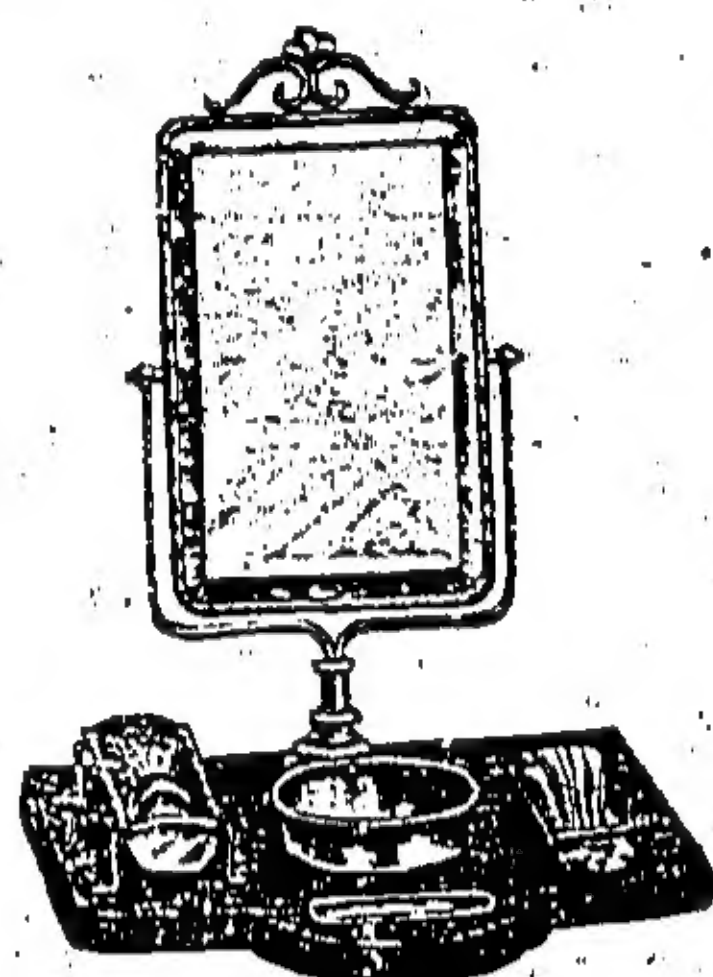
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War Cabinet correspondence with the Treasury has not yet resulted in a definite decision as to the details of the soldiers' increased pay, but the proposals are under consideration, and an announcement will shortly be made.

For certain grades of officers has been settled approximately at £200 for second-lieutenants, £400-£450 for lieutenants, and about £600 a year for captains.

No bonus will be paid to the rank and file in the Armies of Occupation after a certain date, but the pay will be increased to a flat rate amounting to about double the present rate in the case of privates, and graded upwards proportionately for non-commissioned officers.

Special allowances for officers and N.C.O.'s will be dealt with, and increases will be made to meet the higher post-war prices.

The tendency of the Army pay policy is to make the system more upon a "civilian" basis; that is to say, an officer will receive a regular stipend, instead of upon a daily basis.

This consolidated basis will do away with complexity of administration.

Until a detailed decision has been arrived at it is not wise to make any statement, declared a high official "Auxiliary Services, such as the Ordnance and Engineers, who received special corps remuneration, will be dealt with separately, and their special qualifications recognised as before."

The whole of this scheme is part of the general policy of the Military Administration to make the Army a definite and useful career, and to broaden the basis of society from which professional soldiers may be drawn.

It is in pursuit of this policy that there are to-day 74,470 men now being instructed in trades, on the Rhine, where the scholastic administration has its primary, secondary, collegiate, and scientific establishments, not excepting a special agricultural branch.

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German university laboratories are at the disposal of the pupils, and on the agricultural side two years' subsistence allowances are made to qualified students in order that they may complete their careers in this country, while 3,000 grants for higher education in British universities have been given.

Meanwhile the Territorial Force is now in process of reconstruction. An announcement will be made later officially showing the plans of maintenance, and more soundly efficient branch-of-the Service than was ever reached before the war.

MR. G. H. ROBERTS AND HIS UNION.

Mr. George Roberts, the Minister of Food, explains in the current issue of the *Typographical Circular* how his official connection with the Typographical Association, as its Parliamentary representative and organiser, has come to an end. It arises out of the action of the local Labour party in opposing his patriotic attitude from the very outset of the war, culminating in refusal to endorse his candidature.

"I regret, of course," says Mr. Roberts, "the manner in which I pass out. However, I do not repine, and my going is effected with the best grace possible."

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.—Sept. 21st.

Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.

Opening Voluntary—"Trauerliche"—Schumann. Responses: Ferial: Venite, Barnby; Psalm of the 1st Morning—C.V. Smart. Fye Smart; Te Deum, Woodward, Smart and Turle; Jubilate, Woodward—15th Morning: Hymns, 281, 30 (A. & M. 19), 302, 303.

Concluding Voluntary.

Evening Prayer at 8 p.m.

Opening Voluntary. Responses: Ferial: Ferial of the 1st Evening—C.V. Crotch, Medley; Magnificat, Cambridge—18th Morning: Nunc Dimittis, Turle—11th Evening: Hymns, 281, 30 (A. & M. 19), 302, 303.

Vesper Hymn.

Concluding Voluntary.

Onion Church, Kennedy Road.

Sunday Services, September 21.

Morning Service, 11 a.m.

Hymns, 277, 558, 516, 321.

Evening Service, 8 p.m.

Hymns, 270, 510, 125, 370.

Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macnechie.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

Sunday, September 21.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion. No 8 a.m.

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11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon.

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Sundays, 11 a.m.

Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.

Morning Services, 10.15 a.m.

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Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arenal Street.

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.

Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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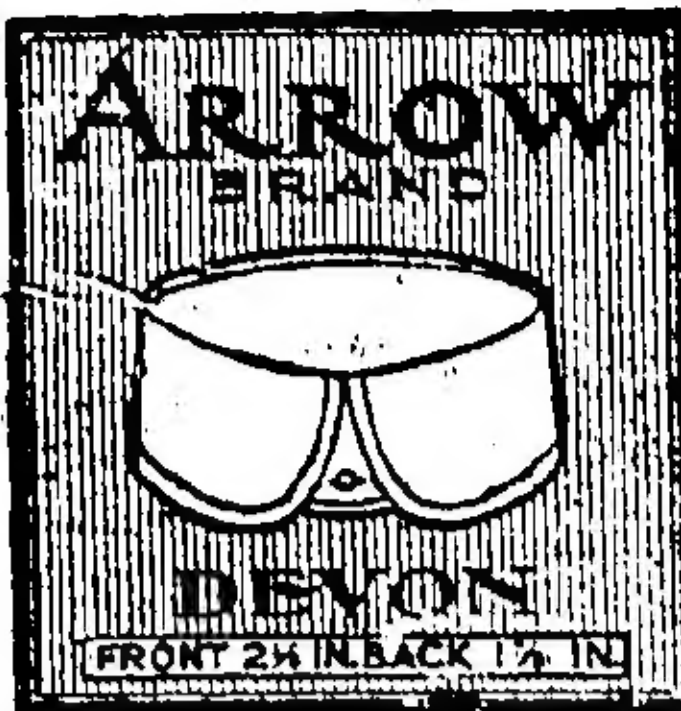
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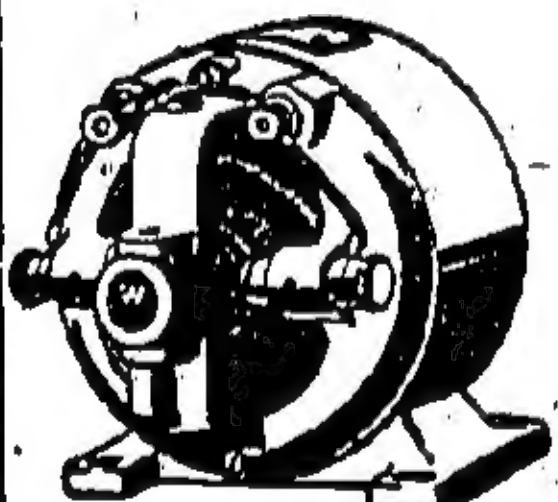
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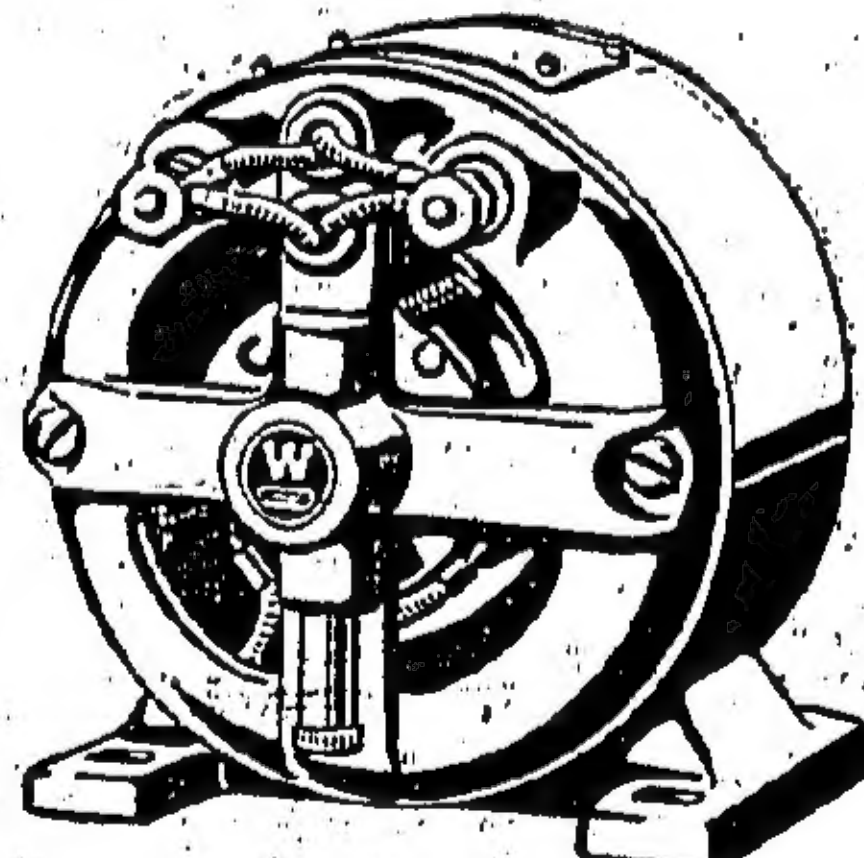
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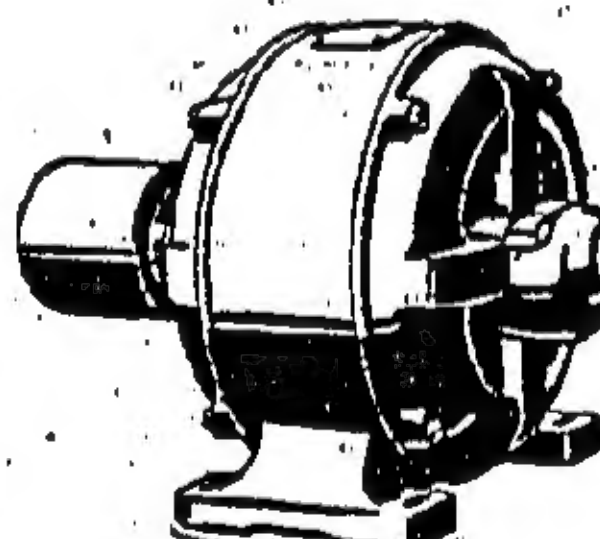
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TUESDAY, September 23.

Macao—Per SUI TAN, 8.30 a.m.

Swatow and Hongkong—Per LUCHOW, 9 a.m.

Hothow, Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per KALFONG, 10 a.m.

Java and Port Moresby via Sourabaya—Per HAICLING, 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per SHANTUNG, 11 a.m.

Sandakan—Per HINSANG, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fochow—Per QUINNEBAUG, Noon.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, September 24.

Macao—Per SUI TAN, 8.30 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per TANGO MARU, 9 a.m.

Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, September 25.

Macao—Per SUI TAN, 8.30 a.m.

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